

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

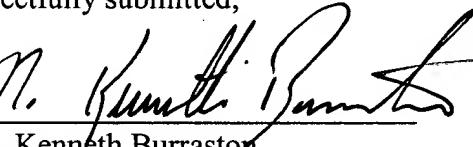
Claims 39 and 40 have been amended, and claims 54-56 have been newly added. Claims 39, 40, and 54-56 are now pending in the application. (Claims 1-38 and 41-53 were previously canceled.) Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the application.

Initially, Applicants note that they have enclosed a copy of "Enhanced Thermosonic Wire-Bonding Technique," Research Disclosure No. 30508 (Kenneth Mason Publications Ltd., England, September 1989), as requested. This corresponds to item "18" in the IDS filed on or about February 5, 2003.

Claims 39 and 40 have been rejected under obvious-type double patenting in view of claims 1-132 of US Patent No. 6,049,976. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer, which should overcome this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a discussion with Applicants' attorney would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (801) 536-6763.

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